GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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ICJF S DEMANDS FOR PREVENTION OF CLIMATE CHANGE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Climate Justice forum (ICJF) activists representing various Non-Government Organizations have demanded `People`s Control over land, forests and oceans` to prevent Climate change;

(b) if so, the details of the demands made and allegations levelled by ICJF;

(c) whether the government propose to look into the matter and resolve the issues amicably; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) The climate justice forum has stated that the negotiations relating to climate change have primarily focused on the technical area and have been derailed by special interest groups such as large oil, coal and utility companies and called for greater voice to people most affected by climate change.

(c) and (d) India is a party of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which seeks to address climate change in accordance with principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. India also acceded to the Kyoto Protocol in August, 2002 which further affirms India`s commitment to strengthening of global efforts to combat climate change.